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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached three replacement sheets of drawings darken the dashed lines of Figs. 2, 3, and 4 and replace the original sheets including Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheets (3 pages)

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending, with claims 1, 14, 28, and 42 being independent. New claims 57-64 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The drawings stand objected to because the dashed lines in Figs. 2-4 are not clearly visible. Applicant has submitted replacement sheets that include darkened dashed lines and respectfully requests removal of the objection to the drawings.

The specification is objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities and requests removal of the objection.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection of claims 31 and 32

Claims 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 31 and 32 to obviate the § 112 rejection and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection of claims 31 and 32.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejection of Claims 1-56

Claims 1-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chiles et al. (6,618,393). Applicant has amended the claims to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 1 recites a system located on a client device for communicating data packets between the client device and a host system that includes, among other features, a protocol server module that is structured and arranged to terminate a communication session that uses a first protocol and that is intended to enable communications between a source and a destination. The protocol server translates data packets from the source between the first protocol and a second protocol that differs from the first protocol. The protocol server also receives configuration data assigned by the host system and transports the data packets having the second protocol to the destination using the configuration data assigned by the host system.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Chiles fails to describe or suggest that the protocol server receives configuration data assigned by

the host system and transports the data packets having the second protocol to the destination using the configuration data assigned by the host system.

Instead, Chiles describes using **user-defined** parameters obtained from the **user-defined** configuration file. See Chiles, col. 6, lines 36-48 and Fig. 2 ref no. 56.

"The user defined configuration in the file 56 used by the PPP peer emulation module 52 consists of remote and local Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, primary and secondary Domain Naming System (DNS) addresses, IPX network address and IPX remote node number. These configuration parameters allow the PPP peer emulation module 52 to negotiate control protocols with the host PPP module 40, including the Link Control Protocol (LCP), Internet Protocol Control Protocol (IPCP) and the Internet Protocol Exchange Control Protocol (IPXCP)." See Chiles, Col. 6, lines 39-48.

Because Chile's system requires a user to specify the local IP addresses in order to enable communications with the host PPP module, the host PPP module does not exercise control over the allocation of user's local IP address and, hence, cannot provide additional services based on information such as the user's local IP address. On the other hand, Applicant's system receives and uses **host-assigned** configuration data, such as IP address data, to communicate with the host system. For example, the host-assigned configuration data may be availed to enforce host-based controls at the host system, such as parental controls, and/or may allow the client device to access host-maintained user specific information, such as, for example, wallet information, personal finance information, personal web page information, and other personal information. See Application, page 14, lines 9-16.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-13.

Similarly to claim 1, each of independent claims 14, 28, and 42 recite an arrangement where the protocol server receives configuration data assigned by the host system and transports the data packets to the destination using the configuration data assigned by the host system. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claims 14, 28, 42, and their dependent claims 15-27, 29-41, and 43-56 for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

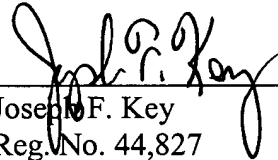
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Enclosed is a check for \$520 of which \$400 is for excess claim fees and \$120 is for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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